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CONFERENCES

SAA SYMPOSIUM ON RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN RAPANUI

A symposium entitled Archaeology at the Center of the World: Advances in Rapanui Research will be part of the 67th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology in Denver, March 20 - 24, 2002. For information: thunt@hawaii.edu

ISLANDS OF THE WORLD VII. NEW HORIZONS IN ISLAND STUDIES, JUNE 26-30, 2002. University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada. Papers are invited for the 7th *Islands of the World* conference, to be hosted by the Institute of Island Studies at the University of Prince Edward Island in Charlottetown, PEI, Canada.

The conference committee will consider proposals for presentations on a broad range of topics related to small islands, including small islands' internal, self-determining activities and their activities in relation to the wider world. Those interested in presenting papers should submit their proposed title and an abstract of not more than 300 words to:

Islands VII Conference Secretariat Institute of Island Studies; University of Prince Edward Island; 550 University Avenue, Charlottetown, PEI Canada C1A 4P3; Telephone: 902-566-0611 Email: islandsvii@upe.ca <http://www.upei.ca/islandstudies/islandsvii/>

17TH CONGRESS OF THE INDO-PACIFIC PREHISTORY ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 9-15, 2002. Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. Cooperating institutions will be the Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica, the Department of Anthropology, National Taiwan University, the National Museum of Prehistory, Taitung, and the National Museum of Natural Sciences, Taichung. For further information, contact Dr. Peter Bellwood, IPPA, School of Archaeology and Anthropology, ANU, Canberra, ACT 0200, Australia. ippa@anu.edu.au

INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC ARTS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE. This conference will be held in Christchurch, New Zealand in June, 2003. Contact: Dr Karen Stevenson, k.stevenson@fina.canterbury.ac.nz

PACIFIC ARCHAEOLOGY: ASSESSMENTS AND PROSPECTS: An International Conference for the 50th Anniversary of the First Lapita Excavation (July 1952) will be held in Koné - Nouméa, New Caledonia, July 31- August 7, 2002. The conference is organized by the Département Archéologie, Service des Musées et du Patrimoine, Government of New Caledonia and the Department of Archaeology, New Caledonia Museum, BP: 2393, 98846 Nouméa, New Caledonia. (Coordinated by Christophe Sand; sand.smp@gouv.nc In 1952, American Professor E. Gifford with the assistance of R. Shutler Jr. conducted the first modern archaeological program recorded for New Caledonia. In all, 53 prehistoric sites were surveyed and 11 excavated. The work of Gifford and Shutler, published in 1956, had a considerable scientific impact. During the survey of the West Coast, Site 13 near the Foué peninsula, pottery sherds were found that bore dentate-stamped motifs. It was called "Lapita" after the indigenous name heard in the local Haveke language. The importance of this site became apparent when the ¹⁴C dates came back, showing the settlement of Lapita and the manufacture of dentate stamped pots as early as 800 BC, a period far older than the then-supposed date of first human colonization of the Pacific. Since then, interest in the pottery has expanded. Dentate-stamped sherds have now been discovered in more than 100 seashore sites from New Guinea in the northwest to Western Polynesia in the east.

The conference will mark the 50th anniversary of the Lapita discovery. Broad themes include "Works in Process in Pacific Archaeology"; "New methods and Research Topics in Pacific Archaeology"; and "Pacific Archaeology: Assessments." Tours to the Lapita sites are included in the program.

EASTER ISLAND FOUNDATION NEWS

WHAT'S NEW AT THE EIF OFFICE

Greetings from the Easter Island Foundation office in Baywood Park! Our latest publication, *Te Moana Nui. Exploring the Lost Isles of the South Pacific* is now available for \$25. It is a lovely book with chapters describing some of the more well-known islands of the Pacific, along with places that few have the opportunity to visit, such as Rai'vavae, Rapa Iti,